

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3334 - HB 3692

March 2, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that all costs associated with the Tennessee Voter Confidence Act to be funded by the state including the cost of machines, printing and storing paper ballots, and any other expenses required for implementation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-20-101 et seq.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$25,000,000/One-Time/HAVA Funds
\$7,622,600/One-Time/General Fund
\$4,174,900/Every Two Years

Assumptions:

- Under the provisions of the bill, the State is required to pay for all costs associated with optical scan voting.
- Federal funding of approximately \$25,000,000 is available to purchase precinct-based optical scan voting systems in Tennessee. These funds have been provided under the federal HAVA (Help America Vote Act of 2002).
- According to the State Coordinator of Elections, the estimated one-time cost of \$32,622,568 includes \$25,000,000 of HAVA funds to replace Direct Recording Electronic Voting machines (DREs) with optical scan precinct-based voting systems and \$7,622,568 for other associated costs including storage for the ballots.
- The Coordinator of Elections also indicates a recurring cost of \$4,174,944 for printing paper ballots statewide. This cost reflects an election cycle and does not include municipal elections, special elections, or a Presidential Preference Primary.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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